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Response to Final Office Action and RCE



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Lucas, et al

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For: Products and Methods of
Core Crush Prevention

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Befumo, Jenna Leigh

**Amendment in Response to Final
Office Action and RCE**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 28, 2004, regarding the above-entitled application for which the time to respond is through March 28, 2005.

Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.